

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The previously filed Replacement Sheets include minor revisions to Figures 1 and 2, and replace the original sheets for Figures 1 and 2. No new matter has been added. Approval and entry are respectfully requested.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-14 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE2004/001388 and adds new claims 15 to 35. The new claims conform the claims to United States Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add any new matter to the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b), the earlier filed Substitute Specification (including the Abstract) contains no new matter. The amendments reflected in the earlier filed Substitute Specification (including Abstract) are to conform the Specification and Abstract to United States Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities. As required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)(3)(ii) and 1.125(c), a Marked-Up Version of the Substitute Specification comparing the Specification of record and the Substitute Specification was also previously filed, and therefore does not accompany this Supplemental/Replacement Preliminary Amendment. Approval and entry of the earlier filed Substitute Specification (including Abstract) are respectfully requested.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE2004/001388 includes an International Search Report, dated November 9, 2004, a copy of which was earlier filed. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were considered by the Examiner in the underlying PCT application.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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